

Amendments to the Abstract:

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A photoluminescent phosphorescent material for emergency lighting and the like. An alkaline earth aluminate base material is ~~alloyed~~ doped with a lanthanide earth element and a transition metal element. When exposed to ambient lighting, the material of the present invention emits light in dark areas even after the loss of electrical power. The addition of a transition metal element such as Scandium (Sc) provides longer and brighter photoluminescence than is expected by the use of a lanthanide element alone.